

2.2.7 Aviation Facilities

The Aeronautics Division of ADOT divides airports in Arizona into two airport systems: the Primary Airport System and Secondary Airport System.

The Primary Airport System consists of all public use airports/heliports categorized as commercial service airports receiving scheduled passenger air service, reliever airports serving as a "relief" for commercial service airports, or general aviation airports that do not have either commercial service or reliever status. general aviation airports include community airports serving a community with a population greater than 1,500, rural airports with paved runways serving a community with a population less than 1,500, basic airports with unpaved runways serving a community with a population less than 1,500, and private airports that restrict usage to select aircraft operations. (Refer to Tables 2-26 and 2-17.)

**Table 2-16 – 2000 Aviation Statistics for Commercial Service Airports
Within the Eastern Arizona Regional Framework Study Area**

Commercial Service Airports			
Airport	Enplaned Passengers	Commercial Operations	General Operations
Show Low Municipal	2,857	5,892	14,924
Libby Army Airfield (Sierra Vista Municipal)	6,073	5,944	114,056

SOURCE: Arizona Transportation Factbook 2002

**Table 2-17 – 2001 Total Commercial and General Operations
Within the Eastern Arizona Regional Framework Study Area**

Commercial and General Operations				
	Facility	Total Operations	Commercial Operations	General Operations
Mogollon Rim Focus Area				
	Cibecue	200		200
	Payson	35,000	1,650	33,350
	Pleasant Valley	56,000		56,000
	Show Low Municipal	20,816	5,892	14,924
	Springerville Field	7,500	2,500	5,000
	St. Johns Industrial Airpark	10,500	4,000	6,500
	Taylor	17,000	1,000	16,000
Copper Country Focus Area				
	Whiteriver	4,906	1,475	3,431
	San Carlos Apache	12,000		12,000
	Flying J Ranch	100		100
	Safford Regional	14,100	1,000	13,100
	Greenlee County	6,726	3,650	3,076
Cochise-Santa Cruz Focus Area				
	Benson Municipal	1,975		1,975
	Bisbee-Douglas International	5,400	2,000	3,400
	Bisbee Municipal	20,550	1,700	18,850
	Bowie	800		800
	Cochise College	50,000		50,000
	Cochise County	7,300		7,300

Commercial and General Operations				
	Facility	Total Operations	Commercial Operations	General Operations
	Douglas Municipal	11,000		11,000
	Nogales International	28,500	2,300	26,200
	Libby Army Airfield	120,000	5,944	114,056
	Total			

SOURCE: Arizona Transportation Factbook 2002

The Primary Airport System also includes airports/heliports that have 10 or more based aircraft and airports with 2,000 or more annual aircraft operations. Operations refer to either takeoffs or landings of an aircraft. The Secondary Airport System includes all public use airports/heliports that do not qualify for the Primary Airport System. The sections below summarize airport statistics by facility type and operations per focus area.

Mogollon Rim Focus Area

In the Mogollon Rim Focus Area there are currently seven airports within the Primary Airport System. They include one commercial service airport, five general aviation airports, and one Native American airport. There are also two heliports located in the focus area. In 2001, there were a total of 15,042 commercial operations and 131,974 general aviation operations in the Mogollon Rim Focus Area (Table 2-18). Figure 2-17 shows the location of airports in this focus area.

Table 2-18 – Aviation Facilities within the Mogollon Rim Focus Area

	Facility	County	Type	Total Operations
Primary System				
	Cibecue Airport	Navajo	Native American	200
	Payson Airport	Gila	Public	35,000
	Pleasant Valley Airport	Gila	Public	56,000
	Show Low Municipal Airport	Navajo	Public	20,816
	Springerville Municipal Airport	Apache	Public	7,500
	St. Johns Industrial Airpark	Apache	Public	10,500
	Taylor Municipal Airport	Navajo	Public	17,000
Heliports				
	Navapache Regional Medical Center	Navajo	Medevac	No Data
	Tonto Ranger Station	Gila	U.S. Forest Service	No Data

SOURCE: Arizona Transportation Factbook 2002

Copper Country Focus Area

In the Copper Country Focus Area, there are currently four airports within the primary airport system. They include two general aviation airports and two Native American airports. Currently one privately owned and one publicly owned airport are within the secondary airport system. A heliport within this focus area is located at the Arizona State Prison near Safford. A future airport, O'Connor Field, is planned for the Town of Duncan in Greenlee County. In 2001, there were a total of 6,125 commercial operations and 31,707 general aviation operations in the Copper Country Focus Area (Table 2-20). Figure 2-18 indicates the location of airports in this focus area.

Table 2-19 – Aviation Facilities within the Copper Country Focus Area

	Facility	County	Type	Operations
Primary System				
	Whiteriver Airport	Navajo	Native American	4,906
	San Carlos Apache Airport	Gila	Native American	12,000
	Safford Regional Airport	Graham	Public	14,100
	Greenlee County Airport	Greenlee	Public	6,726
Secondary System				
	Flying J Ranch Airport	Graham	Private	100
	San Carlos Landing Strip	Gila	Public	No Data
Heliports				
	Arizona State Prison	Graham	Arizona Department of Corrections	No Data

SOURCE: Arizona Transportation Factbook 2002

Cochise-Santa Cruz Focus Area

In the Cochise-Santa Cruz Focus Area, there are currently eight airports within the primary airport system. They include one commercial service airport and seven general aviation airports. There are currently two airports within the secondary airport system, including two publicly owned airports. There are also three hospital heliports in this focus group. In 2001, there were 12,344 commercial operations and 234,981 general aviation operations in the Cochise-Santa Cruz Focus Area (Table 2-20). Figure 2-19 indicates the location of airports in this focus area.

Table 2-20 – Aviation Facilities within the Copper Country Focus Area

	Facility	County	Type	Operations
Primary System				
	Benson Municipal Airport	Cochise	Public	1,975
	Bisbee-Douglas International Airport	Cochise	Public	5,400
	Bisbee Municipal Airport	Cochise	Public	20,550
	Cochise College Airport	Cochise	Public	50,000
	Cochise County Airport	Cochise	Public	7,300
	Douglas Municipal Airport	Cochise	Public	11,000
	Nogales International Airport	Santa Cruz	Public	28,500
	Libby Army Airfield (Sierra Vista Municipal Airport)	Cochise	US Army	120,000
Secondary System				
	Bowie Airport	Cochise	Public	800
	Tombstone	Cochise	Public	1,800
Heliports				
	Copper Queen Hospital	Cochise	Medevac	No Data
	Sierra Vista Hospital	Cochise	Medevac	No Data
	Northern Cochise Community Hospital	Cochise	Medevac	No Data

SOURCE: Arizona Transportation Factbook 2002



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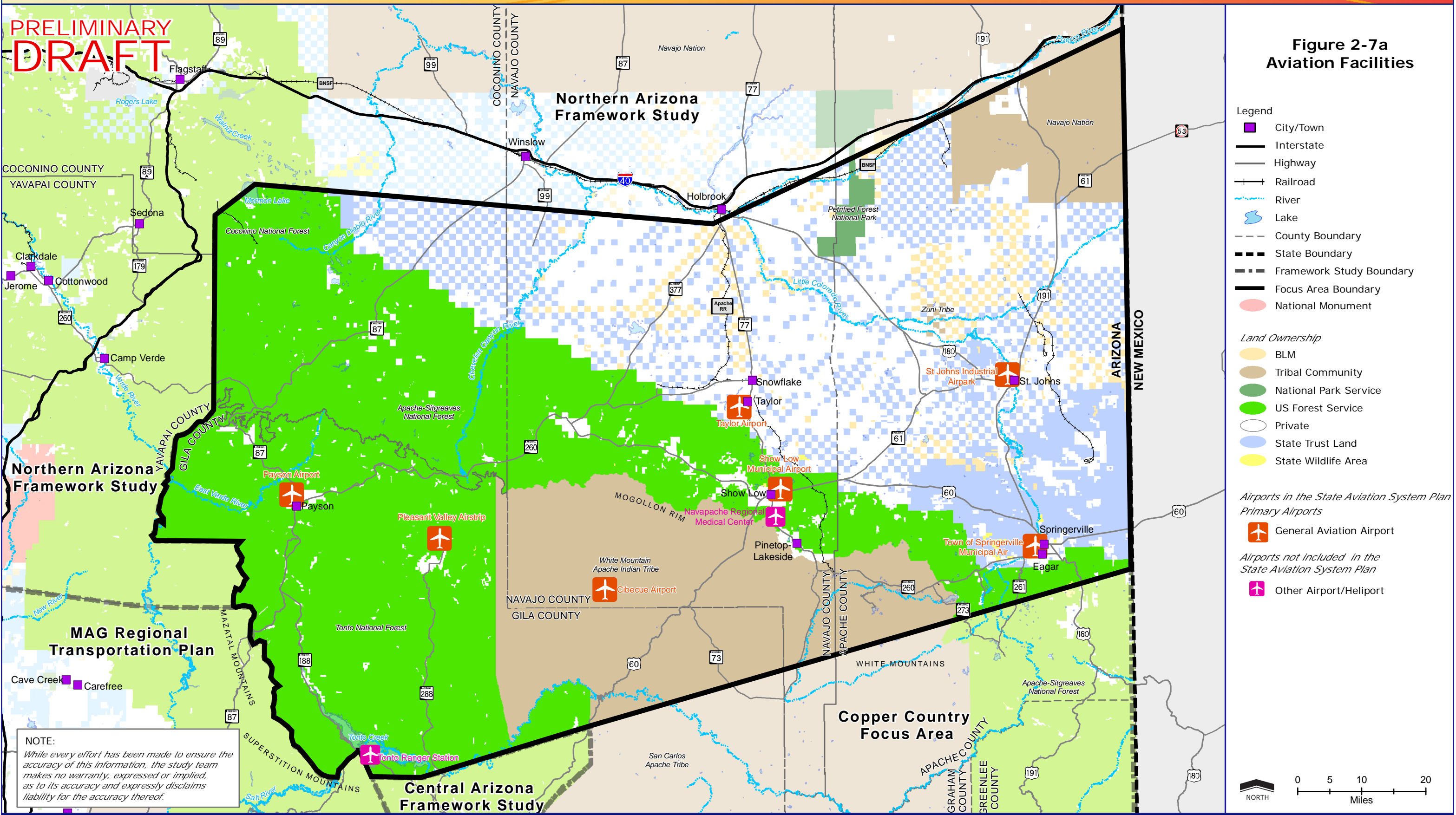
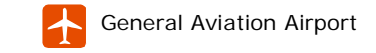


Figure 2-7a
Aviation Facilities

- Legend
- City/Town
 - Interstate
 - Highway
 - Railroad
 - River
 - Lake
 - County Boundary
 - State Boundary
 - Framework Study Boundary
 - Focus Area Boundary
 - National Monument

- Land Ownership
- BLM
 - Tribal Community
 - National Park Service
 - US Forest Service
 - Private
 - State Trust Land
 - State Wildlife Area

Airports in the State Aviation System Plan
Primary Airports



Airports not included in the State Aviation System Plan



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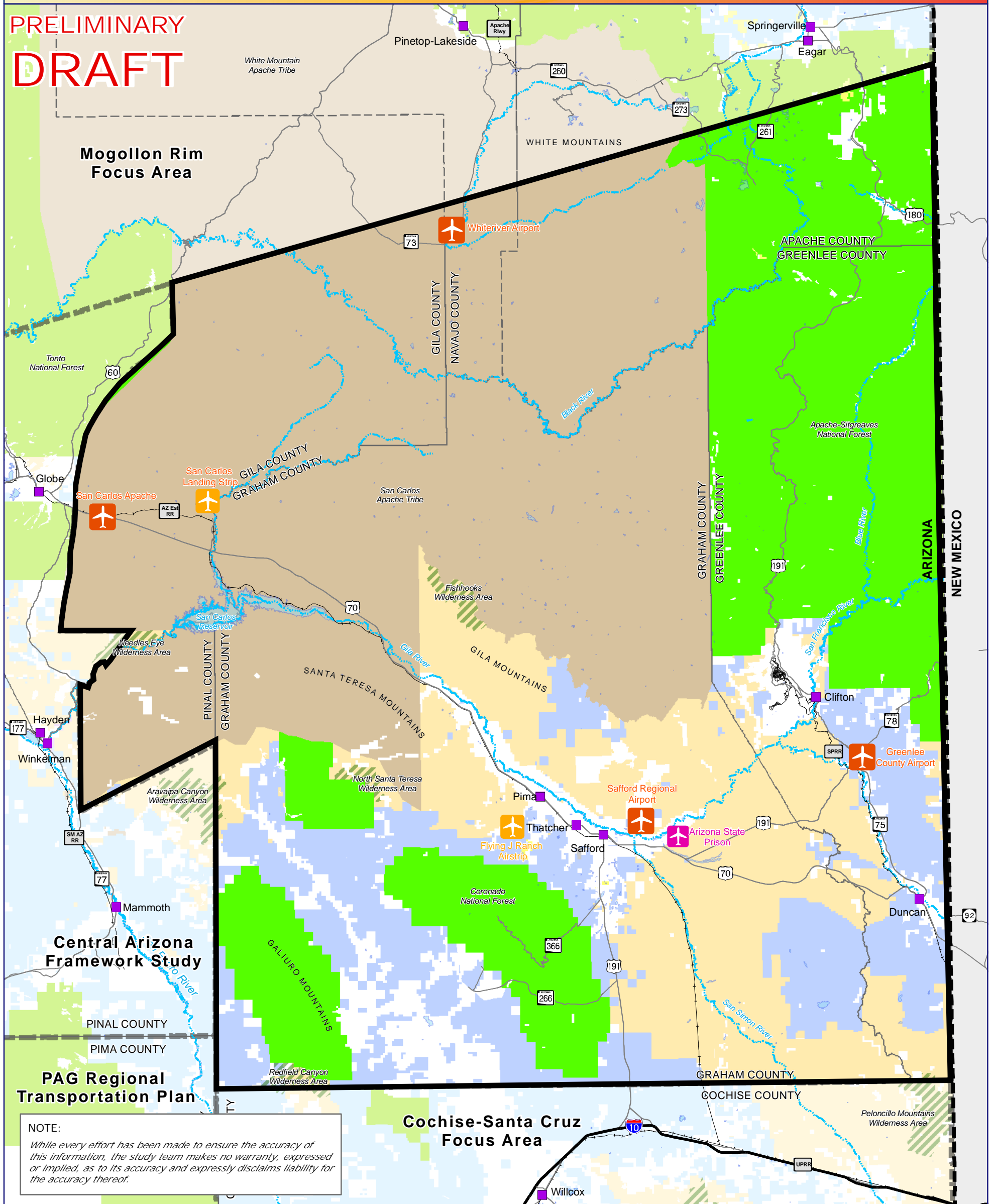


Figure 2-7b Aviation Facilities

